

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Apparatus for applying a chemical to rodents comprising an enclosure having at least one peripheral opening allowing entry of rodents into said enclosure, said enclosure including at least one applicator arranged to contact rodents entering said enclosure, wherein the applicator comprises a flexible web suspended into said enclosure, further wherein:

- a) said web comprises a fabric,
- b) said applicator includes an upper horizontal support member and said fabric suspended from said support member; and
- c) said fabric includes at least one opening extending from an edge of said fabric opposite said horizontal support member, said opening having at least one dimension smaller than said rodents;

further wherein said enclosure has a top wall, wherein there is a slot in said top wall, wherein said upper horizontal support member of said applicator is located on a top edge of said flexible web, said top edge of said flexible web being shorter than said slot and said support member being longer than said slot, whereby when said web is inserted into said slot, said support member engages said top wall and supports said web.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (previously presented): Apparatus as specified in claim 1, wherein said fabric includes vertical slits extending from an edge of said fabric opposite said horizontal support member.

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (previously presented): Apparatus as specified in claim 1, wherein said opening is a semicircular opening with a radius smaller than the height of said rodents.

Claim 7 (previously presented): Apparatus as specified in claim 1, wherein said opening is a triangular opening having a triangle base along said edge, said triangle base being smaller than the width of said rodent.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (previously presented): Apparatus as specified in claim 1, wherein said enclosure has a passageway, wherein said upper horizontal support member of said applicator is located on a top edge of said flexible web, wherein said passageway includes slots for receiving ends of said support member to support and suspend said web across said passageway.

Claim 10 (previously presented): Apparatus as specified in claim 1, wherein said enclosure has a passageway and said horizontal support member is a support beam disposed across said passageway so that said flexible web is suspended into said passageway.

Claim 11 (previously presented): Apparatus as specified in claim 1, wherein said applicator has an adhesive strip along an upper edge for adhering to a top wall of said enclosure to suspend said web.

Claim 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said rodent is a mouse.

Claim 16 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 17 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 18 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 19 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 20 (canceled).

Claim 21 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 22 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 23 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 24 (canceled).

Claim 25 (canceled).

Claim 26 (canceled).

Claim 27 (previously presented): Apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said apparatus further comprises a chemical that is disposed on said flexible web.

Claim 28 (new): Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a bait is present inside said enclosure.

Claim 29 (new): Apparatus for applying a chemical to rodents comprising an enclosure having at least one peripheral opening allowing entry of rodents into said enclosure, said enclosure including at least one applicator arranged to contact rodents entering said enclosure, wherein the applicator comprises a flexible web suspended into said enclosure, said flexible web having a chemical disposed thereon, further wherein:

- a) said web comprises a fabric,
- b) said applicator includes an upper horizontal support member and said fabric suspended from said support member;
- c) said fabric includes at least one opening extending from an edge of said fabric opposite said horizontal support member, said opening having at least one dimension smaller than said rodents; and
- d) a bait is present inside said enclosure;

further wherein said enclosure has a top wall, wherein there is a slot in said top wall, wherein said upper horizontal support member of said applicator is located on a top edge of said flexible web, said top edge of said flexible web being shorter than said slot and said support member being longer than said slot, whereby when said web is inserted into said slot, said support member engages said top wall and supports said web.